under the Scheme A production incentive of 25% to 33% of the capital cost of the Scheme is also provided after the powerloom/feeling units arc run successfully for six months months to make the venture more profitable.

गुजरात में हथकरघा तथा विद्युतकरघा एककों का कार्यकरण

2827. **श्रीमती आनन्दी बेन जेठाभाई पटेल:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात में हथकरघा तथा विद्युतकरघा एककों के कार्यकरण के संबंध में कोई अध्ययन किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके निष्कर्षों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी): (क) वस्त्र मंत्रालय द्वारा गुजरात में हथकरघा और विद्युतकरघा दोनों की इकाईयों के संबंध में ऐसा कोई सर्वेक्षण नहीं करवाया गया। तथापि विकेन्द्रीयकृत क्षेत्र में पावरलूम बुनाई और प्रोसेसिंग में प्रभावी प्रणाली की एक परियोजना के संबंध में 1987 में अटीरा और मंत्रा द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से कार्य किया गया।

(ख) अटीरा मंत्रा की उपलब्धि का सार इस प्रकार है:—

अहमदाबाद और उसके आस-पास के क्षेत्र में निकट भविष्य में पावरलूम उद्योग में बढ़ोतरी का रूख जारी रहने का अनुमान है। ब्याज की दरें भी अधिक पाई गई हैं। जहां तक कच्चे माल का संबंध है सूत की क्वालिटी और इसके काउंट के संबंध में शिकायतें है। कई इकाईयों को आधुनिकीकरण की सुविधाओं की आवश्यकता है। इस उद्योग की मुख्य आवश्यकता दक्षता में सुधार लाना है। नयी वस्त्र नीति में किए गए परिवर्तन में यह दर्शाया गया है कि पावरलूम बुनाई को आधुनिक बनाना होगा। अवशेष में कमी, अच्छी व अधिक मूल्य वाली बुनाई अपनानी होगी ताकि वे संगठित क्षेत्र में क्वालिटी और मूल्य दोनों में ही प्रतिस्पर्धा ले सकें। चूंकि प्रोसेस्ट किए गए धागे (साइज, ट्विष्ट, टैक्सचर आदि) के प्रयोग में बढ़ोतरी होगी इसलिए प्रत्येक कदम पर अधिक नियन्त्रण रखना आवश्यक है ताकि रंगाई/छपाई की त्रुटियों से बचा जा सके।

All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Limited

2828. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present President of the Aii India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd., is holding the post of President of the Society for the past 11 years inspite of having lot of complaints against him;

(b) how many years can a Chairman/ President of a Cooprative Society held the same post as per Multi State Cooperative Society Act;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint against the President/ Chairman about the malpractices in the All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd., if so, what action has been taken;

(d) How much money has been spent by the society for various types of court cases during the tenure of the present President/Chairman; together with the number of cases;

(e) what policy has been adopted by the Ail India Handloom Fabrics Markeing Cooperative Society for purchasing clothes/goods from the Coop, societies, and policies of recruitment and promotion;

(f) how many foreign and domestic tours have been undertaken by present President of the society during his tenure and the expenditure incurred on his tours; and

(g) whether it is a fact that the Genera! Secretary of the Handloom House Employees Union had been suspended for sending a letter to Prime Minister in connection with the mis management going on the All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society?

THE MINISTER OF STATES OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G, VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Muiti

State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 came in force in the year 1985. According to the section 37 of the Act, Chairman/ President of a Multi State Cooperative Society can hold office for two consecutive terms. However, the Central Government vide Notification No.R-11017/2/90-L&M dated 25-5-95 exempted All India Handloom Fabrics and Marketing Cooperative Societies under Section 99 of the said Act from the application of Section 37 of Act. The President, All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Societies Ltd. is holding office by virtue of this exemption.

(b) Chairman/President of a Multi State Cooperative Society can hold office for two consecutive terms (one term being 3 years).

(c) Complaints have been received regarding the purchase policy of the all India Handloom Fabrics Society. These are being examined.

(d) Since inception, the Society has not been keeping separate head of account with regard to the court cases alone but these arc clubbed under the Head of 'Professional Fees and Legal 'Expenses' A total amount of Rs, 36.02 lakhs has been spent by the society from 1983-84 to 1993-94 under this Head.

(c) The procurement policy of the society envisages promotion and encouragement of its member cooperative societies and render best possible marketing services to them. As reported by the society, the procurement of goods for all Handloom Houses arc almost 100% from the Cooperative Societies. The society has reported that procurement is presently being made through their eight zonal procurement centres located all-over the country. The society has set up a number of Production Centres where weavers arc adopted for production of quality goods. A number of Cooperative Societies have been associated for taking up of production for exports as per the required standards.

As regards recruitment, promotion etc. of employees, the power is vested in the Executive Committee. The candidate belonging to the weavers community are eligible for preference in the matter of recruitment. In the matters of promotion, merit-cum-scmority is the criteria for consideration for promotion.

(f) As per the information readily available with the society, the President of the society has undertaken three journeys abroad during 1987-88 to 1993-94 for which a total expenditure of Rs.3,77,229-00 has been incurred by the society. No separate records have been maintained by the society against expenditure on TA/DA incurred on domestic travels of the President of the Society.

(g) The Society has reported that a minor penalty by stoppage of annual increments and issue of warning has been imposed on the General Secretary of the Delhi Unit of Staff Union on charges of misconduct after a departmental enquiry conducted by the management of the society.

Trade Sanctions by US Against Import of Indian Carpets

2829. Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of US Government's persistent efforts to impose trade sanctions against import of Indian carpets because it employes child labour; and

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government to reassure USA against this move as such a ban would badly hit the carpet industry?

THE MINISTERY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir. However private member's bills have been moved in the U.S. Congress for prohibition of import of products made by the use of child labour. The said bills